

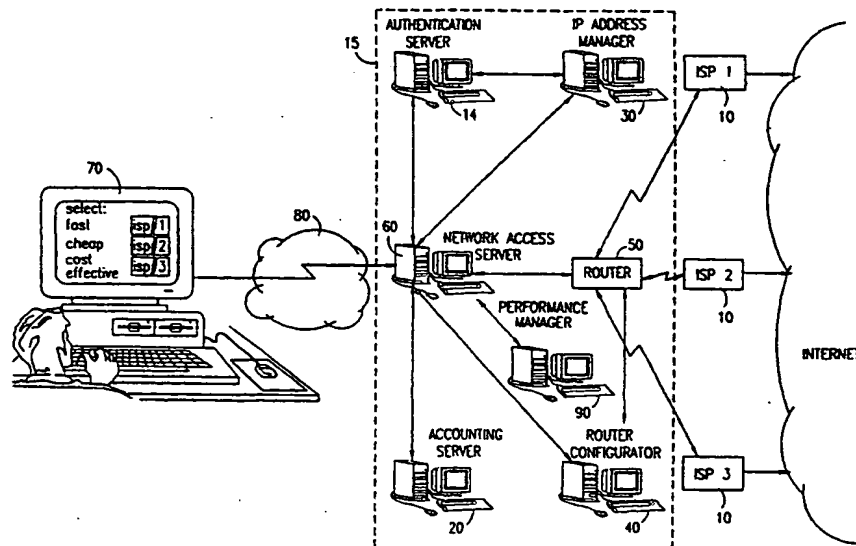
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(57) Abstract

A system for connecting to Internet service providers via networking circuitry, the system including a user interface operative to display information regarding a plurality of Internet service providers including quality of service information and to accept a user's choice of an Internet service provider from among the plurality of Internet service providers, thereby to define a user-selected Internet service provider, and a configurator operative to connect the user to the user-selected Internet service provider by generating an on-the-fly configuration of the networking circuitry.